

WHEREAS, Unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death for Iowans ages 1-44 and the 4th leading cause of death for all ages; and

WHEREAS, Injuries and violence resulted in an annual average of 2,100 deaths, 17,200 hospitalizations, and 257,000 emergency department visits annually in Iowa. The number of injuries in Iowa is estimated to be higher due to the unknown number of individuals who received other medical care or no care at all; and

WHEREAS, Injuries can result in a high cost to Iowans with average charges up to \$43,200 per hospitalization and \$2,700 per emergency department visit annually; and

WHEREAS, In Iowa, the three leading causes of unintentional injury deaths in 2020 were falls, motor-vehicle crashes, and unintentional poisoning; and

WHEREAS, Injuries, whether intentional or unintentional, are preventable within the state of Iowa. The Iowa Department of Public Health, the University of Iowa Injury Prevention Research Center, University of Iowa Health Care, and other partners across the state are committed to increasing public awareness on and education around the prevention of injuries within the state of Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____ (Name) _____, _____ (Public official's role) _____, do hereby proclaim the day of November 18th as

Iowa Injury Prevention Day

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO
SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE
AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS __ DAY
OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE.**

NAME
TITLE

ATTEST:
